

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: A8596

FERMANN, Martin E., et al.

Appln. No.: 10/608,233

Group Art Unit: Not yet assigned

Confirmation No.: 1753

Examiner: Not yet assigned

Filed: June 30, 2003

For: IN-LINE, HIGH ENERGY FIBER CHIRPED PULSE AMPLIFICATION SYSTEM

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.182 TO ACCORD FILING DATE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In connection with the captioned application, Applicants have received a "Notice to File Missing Parts" dated September 26, 2003, a copy of which is enclosed. This Petition is in partial response to this Notice, specifically the portion thereof alleging that two (2) drawing figures were omitted from the application as filed.

First, it is noted that the present non-provisional application claims priority from Provisional application 60/474,999, filed June 3, 2003, which included the drawing figures in question (Figs. 9a and 9b). Since the disclosure of said Provisional application was incorporated by reference in the non-provisional application, this fact alone establishes that Figures 9a and 9b formed part of the non-provisional application as filed on June 30, 2003.

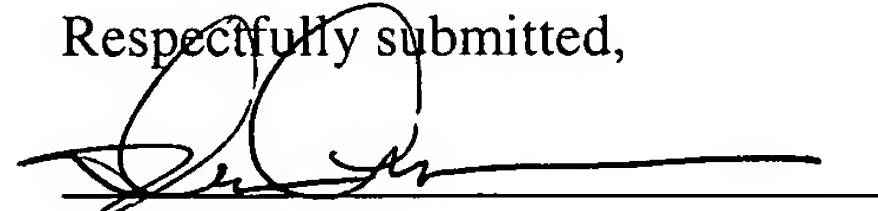
Further, Applicants attach herewith a copy of the OIPE-stamped filing receipt dated June 30, 2003, for the subject non-provisional case. As clearly indicated on this receipt, the application was originally filed with 14 drawing sheets. As is evident from a review of the drawing figures, the same include only 14 sheets, inclusive of the sheet containing Figures 9a and 9b. Accordingly, this establishes that the original application as filed on June 30, 2003, in fact contained the sheet of the drawings containing Figures 9a and 9b. An additional copy of the sheet containing these figures is attached, in case this sheet has been misplaced within the PTO.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request accordation of the filing date of June 30, 2003, with respect to the application as filed including all 14 drawing sheets, inclusive of the sheet containing Figs. 9a and 9b. Stated otherwise, Applicants request the PTO to acknowledge that Figs. 9a and 9b constitute part of the original filing which took place on June 30, 2003.

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AND RENEWED
PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.182
USAN 60/474,999**

A check for the required \$130.00 Petition fee is enclosed. Applicant reiterate that this Petition constitutes only a partial response to the "Notice to File Missing Parts" of September 26, 2003; the required Declaration will be submitted at a later date under separate cover.

Respectfully submitted,



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